

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Santa Ana Region

September 26, 2001

**ITEM: 21**

**SUBJECT:** Status Report on Compliance with Cease and Desist Order (CDO)  
No. 00-87, California Department of Parks and Recreation

On November 16, 2001, the Regional Board issued CDO No. 00-87 to The Irvine Company, the California Department of Transportation and the California Department of Parks and Recreation (collectively dischargers). The CDO required the dischargers to cease and desist from discharging or threatening to discharge wastes directly to Crystal Cove, part of the Irvine Coast Area of Special Biological Significance. Direct discharges of wastes from areas where construction began after November 16, 1996 are required to be eliminated by November 16, 2001 and other existing discharges are to be eliminated by November 16, 2003. The Irvine Company and the Department of Transportation have provided preliminary plans to eliminate all direct discharges to Crystal Cove from their facilities.

The State Department of Parks and Recreation conducted a characterization study of the discharges from its facilities to determine if any waste constituents are present in its discharges. The study included storm water and soil sampling and analyses. On July 8, 2001, the Department of Parks and Recreation ceased the operation of 46 residential cottages in Crystal Cove, thereby eliminating sewage disposal to the on-site septic systems. The California Department of Parks and Recreation will discuss the results of this investigation and other measures it has implemented or is proposing to implement to comply with the CDO.